

MILITARY COOPERATION IN ICELAND

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
near the Royal Norwegian Government
LONDON, August 28, 1942

No. 101

EXCELLENCY:

Acting under instructions from my Government, I have the honor to signify my Government's agreement to the following arrangements for regulating military relations between the Armed Forces of the United States and of Norway in Iceland.

Recognizing the advantages of preserving the principle of unity of command in Iceland, it is agreed that since the British Forces in Northeast Iceland have been relieved by United States troops, the independent Norwegian Company stationed at Akureyri, formerly under British command, shall be placed under the operational control of the Commanding General, United States Army Iceland Base Command.

The Norwegian Company shall be placed at the disposal of the United States Commanding General as a Norwegian training unit in winter warfare and for carrying out winter patrol missions in the Akureyri area. However, since the original purpose of the Company was to serve as a depot for the Norwegian detachment garrisoning Jan Mayen Island, the United States Commanding General shall make use of the Company in such a way that this purpose is fulfilled.

The Norwegian Company in Iceland shall be furnished by the Norwegian Government with necessary clothing, equipment and weapons. However, special winter equipment shall be issued by the United States authorities to the extent that the United States Commanding Officer deems desirable. The United States authorities shall provide the Company with rations, quarters and medical service, on the same scale as furnished American forces

stationed in Iceland, and also effect repairs to clothes and equipment, insofar as facilities permit. The cost to the United States of all such equipment, supplies and services shall be refunded by the Norwegian Government, which shall also be responsible for the pay of Norwegian personnel. However, transportation essential for the employment of the Company by United States military authorities shall be at the expense of the United States.

The personnel of the Norwegian Company shall continue to be subject to Norwegian civil and military jurisdiction and Norwegian disciplinary authority.

The Norwegian Government reserves to itself the right to withdraw this personnel, in whole or in part, if a situation should develop rendering advisable its detail to other tasks.

The foregoing arrangement shall enter into effect as of this date and shall remain in force until either party notifies the other of its desire to terminate or modify it.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE, JR.

His Excellency

Monsieur TRYGVE LIE,

*Royal Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs,
London.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

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28th August 1942

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I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

TRYGVE LIE

His Excellency

The Hon. ANTHONY J. DREXEL BIDDLE, Jr.,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
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